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In re: Ratliff, et al. Confirmation No.: 6914 Appl. No.: 09/961,419 Group Art Unit: 2161

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Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT in the above-identified patent application.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(COL. 1)		(COL. 2)	(COL. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	<u>OR</u> RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	* 90	** 88	= 2	X 25=	\$	X 50=	\$ 100
INDEP	* 8	*** 8	= 0	X 100=	\$	X 200=	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+180=	\$	+360=	\$
			TOTAL ADD FEE \$		OR TOTAL	\$ 100	

- If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
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